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## AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please add new claims 31-35:

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31. (New) The process of claim 1 wherein the at least one annular beam is generated and directed through the use of at least one lens.
32. (New) The process of claim 31 wherein the at least one annular beam is generated and directed through the use of two or more lenses.
33. (New) The process of claim 1 wherein after being generated the at least one annular beam is redirected onto the polymeric material.
34. (New) The process of claim 1 wherein after being generated the annular beam is redirected by passing through at least one lens.
35. (New) The process of claim 1 wherein after being generated the annular beam is redirected by striking at least one mirror.

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